

REMARKS

Applicant recognizes with appreciation that the Examiner indicated that Claims 43 – 49 have been allowed.

In this Amendment, Applicant has amended Claims 45 and 47 to correct informalities and cancelled Claims 3 – 4, 8 19, 22 – 26, 29 – 31, 33 – 42 without prejudice or disclaimer. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been introduced by the amendment. All claims are now present for examination and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the preceding amendments and the following comments.

CLAIMS OBJECTIONS:

Claims 33, 45, and 47 have been objected to as containing informalities.

It is respectfully submitted that the informalities have been corrected in the relevant claims. More specifically, in Claim 45, the term “*section*” has been replaced with “*sections*” as suggested by the examiner. In Claims 47, the term “*the programmable device configuration process*” has been replaced with “*the programmable configuration process*.” In addition, Claim 33 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Therefore, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102:

Claims 3, 4, 22, 33, 35 and 36 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e) as allegedly being anticipated by How et al. (US 6,611,932), hereinafter HOW.

Applicant traverses the rejection and respectfully submits that the present-claimed invention is not anticipated by the cited references. More specifically, Claims 3, 4, 22, 33, 35 and 36 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Therefore, the presented claims are not anticipated by HOW and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e) has been overcome. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e) is respectfully requested.

DOUBLE PATENTING:

Claims 34 and 37 – 42 have been objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of Claims 43 – 49.

Applicant traverses the rejection and respectfully submits that the present-claimed invention is not anticipated by the cited references. More specifically, Claims 34 and 37 – 42 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Therefore, the double patenting objection has been overcome. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

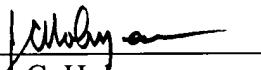
Regarding the withdrawn subject matter in response to the previous restriction requirements, Applicant reserves the rights to file divisional applications directed to those subject matters.

Having overcome all outstanding grounds of rejection, the application is now in condition for allowance, and prompt action toward that end is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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